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EXDIS, FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOPN, PEPR, SY, LE, US
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVIEW IN "MIDDLE EAST"

REF: (A) STATE 136043, (B) STATE 135710, (C) BEIRUT 2963

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AT HIS HOME, AS HE REQUESTED, AT 0900 MAY 31, TO DISCUSS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVIEW IN "MIDDLE EAST." I GAVE HIM COPY OF INTERVIEW TRANSCRIBED FROM USICA WASHDC 262231Z MAY 78, COPY OF STATEMENT IN PARA 1, REF A, AND WENT OVER WITH HIM EXPLANATIONS IN REFS A AND B. I ALSO TOLD BOUTROS THAT INFORMATION REF A HAD BEEN PASSED TO SYRIANS AND THAT KHADDAM WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SEEN IT WHEN THEY MET LATER TODAY.

2. BOUTROS AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET THIS MATTER BEHIND US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, HE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT INCORPORATING CONFIDENTIAL

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THREE POINTS: A) THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VIEWS, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN INTERVIEWS THAT TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 9 AND APRIL 25, REFLECTED HIS PERSONAL VIEWPOINT; B) THAT US UNDERSTANDING OF GOL POLICY WAS CLEAR AS EXPRESSED IN RESTATEMENT OF OFFICIAL US POLICY TOWARDS THE PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN LEBANON (PARA 1, REF A, WHICH HE WOULD INCORPORATE IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT); AND C) THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD EXPRESSED HIS

APOLOGIES FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. BOUTROS SAID HE MIGHT
BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH KHADDAM DURING THEIR MEETINGS
IN NEXT TWO DAYS AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT ISSUE HIS STATEMENT
UNTIL AFTER GOL DELEGATION RETURNS FROM SYRIAN AFTERNOON
OF JUNE 1. LANE

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